

MINUTES
KEY WEST BIGHT
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
OLD CITY HALL, 510 GREENE STREET
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2014

A regular meeting of the Key West Bight Management District Board of the City of Key West, Florida, was held in Commission Chambers, Old City Hall, 510 Greene Street, on Wednesday, September 10, 2014.

The Vice-Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Answering roll call were Board Members Jermy Ashby, Harry Bowman, Jimmy Lane, Kathryn Ovide and Vice-Chairman Steve Henson presiding.

Absent Board Members were Dan Probert and Chairman Michael Knowles.

The pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America was given by all present.

APPROVE OF AGENDA:

It was moved by Board Member Ovide and seconded by Board Member Bowman to approve the agenda. The Vice-Chairman asked for objections and seeing none, the agenda was accepted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1 August 13, 2014 (Regular)

It was moved by Ms. Ovide and seconded by Mr. Bowman to approve the minutes. The Vice-Chairman asked for objections and seeing none the minutes were approved.

ACTION ITEMS:

- 2 Amending the Key West Bight Sign Regulations to Allow Digital Printed Signs for the Marina and Upland Businesses.

Mr. Bowman introduced the item for the Board and displayed several sign samples; digital, hand painted and hand carved and painted.

The following people spoke on the matter:

Evalena Worthington, Schooner Wharf Bar
Captain Kelly George, 620 Bay Street
Jack Anderson, Preservation Association
Scott McCullough, Key West Sign Company
Paul McGrail
Mark Tait, Marina Manager
Larry Erskine, Chief Assistant City Attorney

Enid Torregrosa, Historic Preservation Planner, explained the code regarding signage components and informed the Board that the Key West Historic Signage Task Force is formulating recommendations. The meetings are noticed and open to the public.

Mr. Bowman volunteered to be liaison to the Historic Signage Task Force and will be attending future meetings.

Mr. Erskine suggested if the Board would want to permit “digitally printed signs” the item could be approved and sent on to the CRA.

It was moved by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Ms. Ovide, for discussion, to approve the item amending “digital” to “digitally”.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to call the roll.

Yeas: Board Members Ashby, Bowman, Ovide and Vice-Chairman Henson

Nays: Board Member Lane

3 Allowing Key West Bight Ticket Booths to Sell Any Other Bight Tickets.

Mr. Bowman introduced the item and thought this was a matter of misunderstanding and confusion. He asked for clarification on whether booths could sell tickets for attractions, other than their own, in the Bight.

The following people spoke on the matter:

Mark Tait, Marina Manager
Larry Erskine, Chief Assistant City Attorney
Captain Kelly George, 620 Bay Street
Paul McGrail
Tom Stroh
John Castro, Deputy Director Marine Services

It was moved by Mr. Ashby and seconded by Mr. Bowman to postpone the item to October 15, 2014, directing Mr. Erskine to bring back language regarding ticket sales for their own and other businesses at the Bight, with the provision that they must have an existing business in the Bight.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to call the roll.

Yeas: Board Members Ashby, Bowman, Lane, Ovide and Vice-Chairman Henson

Nays: None

REPORTS:

MANAGER'S REPORT –

Mr. Ashby asked about the Blue Q being moved. Mr. Tait reported they were moved back to their original location.

Ms. Ovide asked about the construction projects. Mr. Castro reported construction on William Street would begin in about five-weeks with completion of the project in December depending on weather conditions. Plating the street would depend on how the project progresses. This would also pertain to keeping the street open.

The Waterfront Brewery is in final stages of construction.

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLES –

Mr. Castro reviewed the new comparison chart for Ferry Terminal Revenue. He also commented on the increase in parking revenues.

OLD BUSINESS –

None

KEY WEST BIGHT PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION –

Mr. Anderson reported that the old West Marine building was advertising for retail space and a 150 seat restaurant and on the William Street side increasing the terrace, reducing parking spaces and adding a booth. This has not yet come before the Planning Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Evalena Worthington, Schooner Wharf Bar

BOARD COMMENTS –

Mr. Bowman wished Mr. Probert the best and for a speedy recovery. He appreciated the Board giving time to his items tonight.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.


Susan P. Harrison, CMC, Clerk of the Board
Senior Deputy City Clerk